

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (WRM) COORDINATION

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **JUL 28 2015**, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq., the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, and P.L. 2011, c.203 as modified by P.L. 2013, c.188, a revision (Program Interest No.: 435434; Activity No.: REV150002) to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (the Department). This revision, submitted on behalf of James Nawn, creates a new discharge to groundwater (DGW) sewer service area (SSA) located on Block 32001, Lot 5 in Montgomery Township, Somerset County. This DGW SSA is to include the proposed Agricola Barn and four existing structures associated with the agricultural, equestrian and vegetables farming operation at this site. The proposed Agricola Barn, to be utilized for food preparation and on-farm direct marketing events will have seating for 50 participants. The anticipated projected flow volume to be discharged on site from the proposed new barn, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C 7:14A, (35 gallons per day (gpd)/seat) is 1,750 gpd.

Currently two existing dwellings and two structures, the equestrian facility and office space supporting the agricultural operations at this location, are served by two individual subsurface disposal systems (septic systems). As part of this revision, it was determined by the Department that both the existing structures and the proposed new Agricola Barn, are to be regulated under an individual NJPDES permit. For the purposes of the water quality management planning documents, the four existing structures and the proposed new barn are all to be identified as Agricola Barn SSA and will recognize as the total projected wastewater flow, wastewater attributed from the four existing structures and the projected flow proposed for the new Agricola Barn/On-Farm Direct Marketing and Food Preparation Facility. Therefore, the total projected flow from the existing farm buildings and the new barn is to be 3,490 gpd.

In accordance with P.L 2013, c.188, this revision notice represents the Department's determination that the proposed project activity is in compliance with the regulatory criteria pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24. This revision will also modify the current Montgomery Township/ Rocky Hill Borough Wastewater Management Plan and the Somerset County Future Wastewater Service Area Map for that portion of the County within the Upper Raritan WQM Planning Area.

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